

## Brief Profile on Julius Ejikonye

Julius is currently Senior Legal Counsel and Gas Legal Focal Point for Shell in Nigeria. For 6 years (until February 2016) he was Shell's Managing Counsel Global Litigation, Sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to these he had held several senior positions in Shell Nigeria with functional responsibility across all the Shell Companies in Nigeria (SCiN). Among these are: Managing Counsel, Dispute Resolution; Managing Counsel, Contracting and Commercial Projects (Upstream Oil), and Coordinator, Environmental Litigation.

Before joining Shell in 2005, Julius was in active private legal practice as a Litigator and as counsel in arbitrations. He is a Barrister, Solicitor and Notary Public. He holds a Master of Laws (LL.M) degree, specialising in International Economic Law, Secured Credit Transactions, Private International Law and Jurisprudence. He also trained as an Arbitrator and is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK).

Julius is an active member of several professional bodies including the Nigerian Bar Association and the International Bar Association. He has held officer positions in several committees of the IBA, including the Arbitration Committee. He has severally been a speaker, panellist and chair at international conferences and workshops. He was one of only two Nigerians and about 200 legal luminaries from around the world invited to attend the maiden edition of the Qatar Law Forum in 2009 and he was formally recognised by the Convenors of the Forum under the leadership of The Right Hon. The Lord Woolf of Barnes as a Global Leader in Law.

Julius has extensive knowledge and hands-on experience in mediation and other dispute resolution mechanisms. He has been deeply involved in complex and high profile mediations both locally and internationally, with some of the world's top mediators.

Widely travelled and exposed to diverse cultures, Julius is married to Sandra and they have four children. He loves to spend time with his family, and enjoys reading, cycling and swimming.